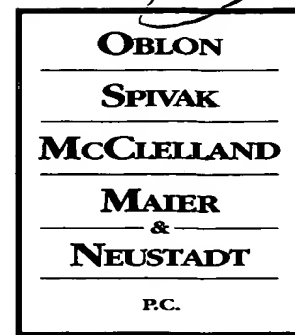




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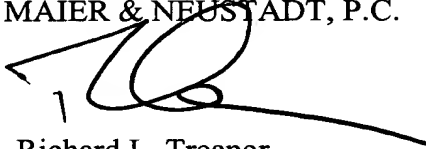
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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated February 8, 2002, Applicants elect
Group I, Claims 1-7 and 16-53.

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REMARKS AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

The claims in this case have been restricted into two Groups: Group I, characterized as being drawn to a semiconductor device, and Group II, characterized as being drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device. Applicant has elected Group I, Claims 1-7 and 16-53 for initial examination. The Restriction Requirement is traversed.

The Office letter characterizes the inventions of Group I and II as being related as process of making and process made. The Office has indicated that in claim 9 a physical process could be used rather than a chemical vapor deposition process, this stated alternative apparently being provided in support of the allegation that the product as claimed could be made by another and materially different process. However, the Office letter fails to state why the alternative method would be "another and materially different process" sufficient to

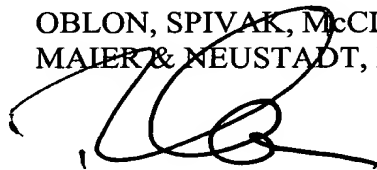
support restriction, as required by the MPEP. In addition, and while applicants take no position and make no statement regarding the proposed alternative, no reason or example has been provided by the Office as regards the feasibility of the stated alternative.

As the two Groups of claims here restricted have been indicated as being classified in two subclasses, Applicants further submit that a search of the entire case does not place a burden on the Office. In view of this situation, and for the reasons presented above, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and the examination of all pending claims.

Finally, the remarks in the Office letter regarding Claim 8 being a linking claim contingent on "claim 139" are not understood, as there is no claim 139 in the case. Applicants request rejoinder of the non-elected process claims, however, and authorize the Examiner to amend the process claims so as to depend from the device claims if necessary for proper rejoinder.

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